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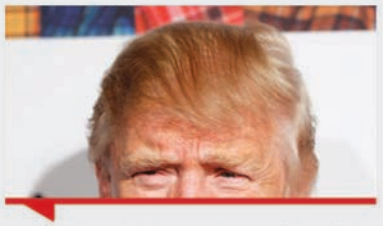

Write Donald Trump's presidential campaign slogan.

Brian (@redeyesportsguy): "Yes we 'do."

Elliott (@geektome): "Vote for me because I'm not sure that other guy was born in America. Are you?"

Joel Johnson (@silkysoul): "Hair for real. Here for you!"

How is Brett Favre passing his time in retirement?

Brian: Trying to perfect the Wranglers-Crocs look.

Elliott: Trying to figure out Twitpic, and I hope to Jeebus that he doesn't!

Dave Sorrell (@rookiephenom): Finding out the Internet is a more effective outlet for "extracurricular activities."

Gas prices are approaching $5 a gallon. What would you rather buy for $5?

Brian: Donald Trump a new hairpiece ... I mean, hairdo.

Elliott: Cupcakes, to give me the energy I'll need to walk everywhere.

Ryan Brinkerhoff, (@r_vance_b): A new inner tube for my flat bike tire from the broken glass all over the streets.

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TODAY'S FORECAST
Spring is here!
The sun is shining ...

WED. **65** 45 ... birdies are chirping...

THU. **51** 41 ... flowers are in bloom ...

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best bets

By Jessica Galliart
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For 'Day Man' fans

Ginger's Ale House, 3801 N. Ashland Ave. 773-348-2767

Come out for a night of "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" fun and facts at a TV show-themed trivia night. Proceeds benefit local theater company Project 891. 7:30 p.m. $5.

For humanitarians

Chen's Chinese and Sushi, 3506 N. Clark St. 773-549-9100

Keep the fundraising efforts going at the eatery's benefit for Japan and 17th-anniversary bash. Donation includes a buffet, cocktails and entry in a raffle. 6:30-9:30 p.m. $50.

TARGET: TRUCE

GAY RIGHTS GROUPS STILL AT ODDS WITH RETAILER'S PRACTICES

MCT

LOS ANGELES John Duran likes shopping at Target, but he hasn't walked through its doors since last summer. As a gay public official, Duran believes he must support a boycott against the retailer by gay rights activists.

"I am one of those people now that no longer shops at Target," said Duran, mayor pro tem of West Hollywood, Calif. "I just can't in good conscience be seen there."

Real estate agent Tom Kraynak also stayed away from the retailer—for a while. But he was among several gay shoppers at the West Hollywood Target recently who said it was time to move on.

"We boycotted for a while," said Kraynak, 47. "But that only lasted for so long because we had to go to Target. Gotta shop."

Months after Target Corp. angered gay rights supporters with a controversial political donation, both sides say they want to move past the issue. They just can't seem to agree on the terms.

For Target, the dispute threatens to derail its long-held reputation as a gay-friendly company, one that supports gay causes and features same-sex couples in its advertising.

Its actions—including a lawsuit last month against a gay marriage group that had been soliciting outside a San Diego area store—have led opponents to form anti-Target groups on Facebook and to pressure gay rights organizations to reject donations from the company. Last month, Lady Gaga, an outspoken gay rights supporter, dropped an exclusive album deal with the retailer in a show of support.

"Target's biggest asset and vulnerability is they market so transparently to our community," said Fred Sainz, a spokesman for the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay rights organization. "If that retailer does not fulfill on what we believe to be their brand promise, there are consequences."

Hoping to prevent the feud from escalating, Target has lately gone on an offensive—including meeting with gay rights groups and announcing to the Los Angeles Times its support for the federal Employment Non-Discrimination Act, a long-stalled bill that would ban discrimination against employees on the basis of their sexual orientation and gender identity.

And last week, Target released a two-minute video promoting the company's diversity that it posted on Facebook and its website.

"We're left, right and everything in between," a narrator intones over images of Target employees, including a gay couple. "Whether we're gay, straight or identify ourselves any other way, we love whoever it is we love."

Can't they kiss and make up? Not with a pending lawsuit

MCT

How did it come to this?

The dispute between Target and gay rights groups began last summer, when the Minneapolis-based chain gave $150,000 to MN Forward, a political group that was backing a conservative Minnesota gubernatorial candidate opposed to gay marriage.

Target said the donation was made because of MN Forward's pro-business stance and not because of the group's support of Republican Tom Emmer. Still, the company issued a public apology and vowed to rethink how it makes such contributions.

But those actions—and a subsequent pledge by Target to increase its donations to gay rights organizations to more than $500,000 this year, a 20 percent increase from its 2010 total—haven't appeased many gay rights supporters.

Activists say Target can settle the matter through several steps, including bolstering its donations to a wider range of gay causes and taking a public stance in favor of gay marriage or against the Defense of Marriage Act.

They also are bitter about a company lawsuit against Canvass for a Cause, a nonprofit that had been soliciting petitions advocating gay marriage outside a Target store.

Target said it had nothing against the group or the petition, but that it prohibits all customer solicitations, as many retailers do. Since 2004, Target says it has brought legal action against 17 groups including church and community organizations.

Tres Watson of Canvass for a Cause argued that the company is selectively enforcing that ban, noting that Target has not sued the Salvation Army when it sets up donation buckets during the holidays.

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CELL YEAH
Go to **redeyechicago.com/goingpublic** to check out photos of the new Metra stop near U.S. Cellular Field that opened last week. Are you a fan?

RIDER'S BLOCK
My pledge to ride every CTA bus line continues. I rode the No. 94-South California last week and boiled my review down to a tweet.

@tracyswartz
1 hour from Kells Park to Marquette Park. Epic jail: Stops by Cook County Department of Corrections and Green, Pink and Orange lines.

102 routes down, 37 to go!

Next up: No. 70-Division.

Thaw out your rider savvy

Now that the weather has turned from freezy to breezy, Going Public presents a no-sweat guide for public transportation during the spring and summer.

» **Get with the program:** To account for seasonal ridership patterns, the CTA tinkered with the schedules for 53 bus routes, which took effect March 20.

Notable changes include the No. 7-Harrison, which travels between Austin and Michigan Avenue and now operates westbound about 30 minutes earlier. The No. 43-43rd, which runs between the lakefront and New City, now sees its service end on weekdays at 10:45 p.m. instead of 12:30 a.m., because of low ridership.

Meanwhile, some routes gear up during the warm weather. The No. 130 Museum Campus, which travels between Ogilvie Transportation Center and Adler Planetarium, runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

» **Feel the heat:** Because of the rise in temperatures, heat is no longer available on train platforms. Heat lamps are supposed to run from November through March, but GP noticed heat was on at a few Red Line stops last week.

Meanwhile, buses automatically are programmed to keep the temperature at about 72 degrees in the summer compared with 68 degrees in the winter. If the bus seems too hot or too cold, riders shouldn't try to open the windows themselves. Alert the CTA.

» **Spring tuneup:** Bicycles are allowed on CTA trains every day except during weekday rush periods (7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m.). Up to two bikes are allowed inside each car—except on the Blue Line cars with the folding doors because they don't fit. Go to **transitchicago.com/bikeandride** for a guide on how to put a bike on the rack in front of a CTA bus.

» **Tourist season:** Before long, fanny-packed tourists will invade our city and CTA—especially our buses. It's common to see tourists pester bus drivers, particularly on Michigan Avenue, for directions. If you see tourists desperately trying to figure out which way the lake is, help them out. Let the drivers focus on driving.

» **Be fare:** The CTA tends to see the number of riders who pay their bus fares in cash rise in the summer months, which coincides with tourist season, the Tribune has reported. Cash fares can slow bus boarding. Remember to always load your card so no one mistakes you for an out-of-touch out-of-towner.

» **Stroller derby:** Late last year, the CTA began posting placards on buses reminding riders to be "stroller savvy." The rules include keeping aisles clear of strollers and folding the stroller if the bus is crowded. Strollers may be parked in priority seating, intended for senior citizens and riders with disabilities, if the seats are not in use.

» **Common scents:** The must-have commuting accessory for spring? Deodorant. It's called the "L," not the "Smell."

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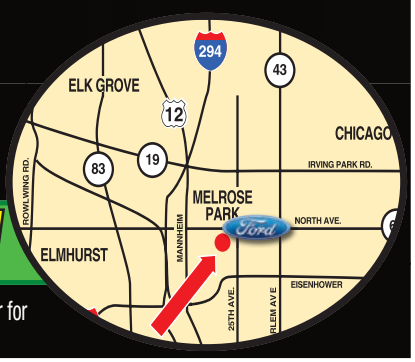

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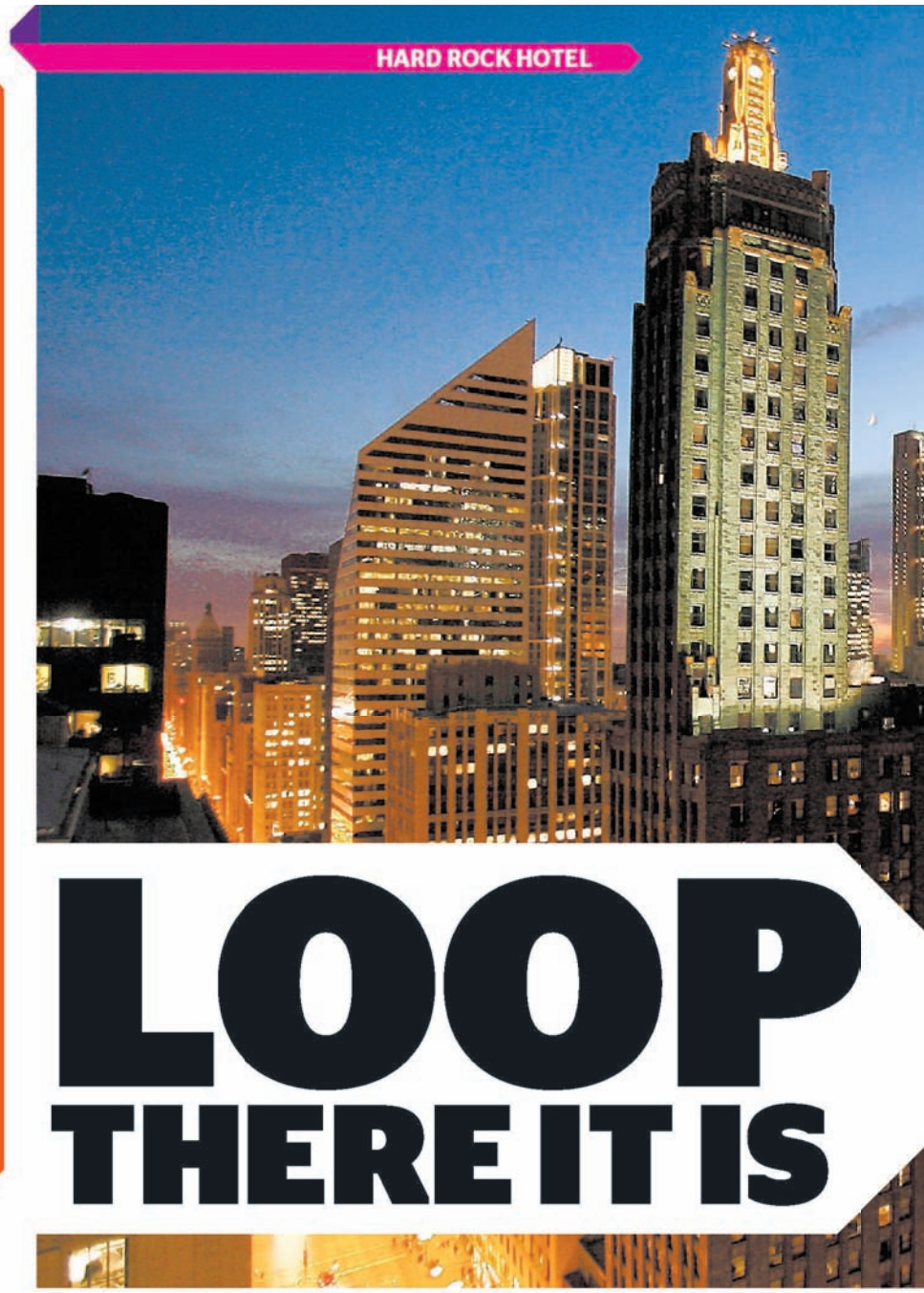
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LOOP THERE IT IS

The heart of the city has seen its highs and lows—where does it go from here?

By Leonor Vivanco | REDEYE

Tourists snapping pics at Millennium Park. Shoppers hauling bags down State Street. Music lovers rocking out at Lollapalooza in Grant Park.

Whatever the season, there's always something going on in the Loop—bound by the Chicago river to the north and west, Lake Michigan to the east and Roosevelt Road to the south. In many ways, it's Chicago's main attraction.

Home to the headquarters of Fortune 500 companies such as Aon and also city government, it also shines on the big and small screens in movies such as "The Dark Knight" and TV shows such as "The Chicago Code."

Now the community area again is in the spotlight as its biggest cheerleader, Mayor Daley, cedes power to incoming Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Target has announced a planned location on State Street, and the housing market has displayed an uptick during the past 10 years. Though the neighborhood has transformed since the start of the new millennium, what happens next is yet to be seen.

"First and foremost, people live in the Loop now in a way [that] a decade ago nobody in their right mind considered choosing to live in the Loop as a place of residency," said Ty Tabing, executive director of the Chicago Loop Alliance, a business organization. "Historically the challenge within the area has been to maintain a base of people after the workday ends."

The vision of a downtown that truly is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, has made strides but has not been fully realized. "It's still a work in progress," Tabing said. "There's no doubt about that."

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CULTURE

Pros and cons

From free concerts to ever-changing displays of public art, the Loop—home to the Art Institute and the city's theater district—has become a cultural hub. But the city has cut or altered some free events because of budget problems.

Last year, there was no Outdoor Film Festival or Venetian Night. The lakefront fireworks show in July was downsized. And a proposal this year to charge an admission fee to the Taste of Chicago was floated but later rejected.

The upswing

There are high points as well. Creation of the theater district nearly 11 years ago has been a catalyst for more cultural activity in the Loop, said Deb Clapp, executive director of the League of Chicago Theatres. "It brings a lot more people downtown and that's evidenced by a number of restaurants that have since sprung up in the Loop," she said.

And there's also Millennium Park, which sees about 4 million visitors a year, according to the Chicago Loop Alliance. The project was over budget at $475 million with private donors contributing more than $200 million and delayed four years before opening in 2004.

Eye, oh eye

Remember the giant eyeball in Pritzker Park last summer? That sculpture, titled Eye and designed by Oak Park-based sculptor Tony Tasset, was another effort by the Chicago Loop Alliance to bring people to the Loop along with the Pop-Up Art Loop program in which public art was showcased in vacant storefronts. The next Art Loop installment will be unveiled in May.

EYE ART INSTALLATION

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BUSINESS

Economics 101

While the economy struggles to rebound, Loop-based businesses also have seen successes and failures.

It wasn't until recently that Block 37, which stood vacant for 20 years, became the home base for several retail shops. The area surrounded by State, Randolph, Washington and Dearborn streets now hosts stores including Akira, Sephora and Anthropologie. In March, the shopping center was sold at auction to Bank of America for $100 million.

Across the street is another story

Loehmann's closed its store at State and Randolph streets in January, months after the company filed for bankruptcy. It is the only vacant storefront facing State Street now that Target is moving into the landmarked former Carson Pirie Scott building next year, said Ty Tabing, executive director of the Chicago Loop Alliance.

Shop appeal

What once was a struggling pedestrian mall in the 1980s, the State Street shopping corridor now is lined with stores appealing to younger shoppers, such as Forever 21, H&M and American Apparel.

Annual retail sales in the Loop approach an estimated $2 billion, according to the alliance, a member-based business organization.

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NIGHTLIFE

Not so hot

The Loop's nightlife is far from that enjoyed by its neighbor, River North. While that 'hood's hot spots are open late and packed on weekends, some Loop bars sit dark and empty. The few Loop destinations that stay busy often are attached to hotels, such as The Wit hotel's rooftop bar, Roof, or Pete Wentz's Angels & Kings at the Hard Rock Hotel. Many of the Loop's eateries provide quick service and cater to a lunchtime crowd on weekdays.

Working on the weekend?

Sidebar Grille, at 221 N. LaSalle St., does most of its business during the workweek. The bar serves a big lunch crowd and offers drink specials to the after-work crowd. But on weekends, patrons tend to go to bars in their neighborhoods, said Violeta Koleva, office manager for the group that owns Sidebar.

Koleva recalls a time when only 10 people showed up for a Saturday game at the bar during a weekend test run. After that, the bar switched back to hosting only private events on weekends.

"There aren't that many people who live in that area, and if the office area is closed, there's no one coming in," she said.

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ROOF AT THE WIT

HOME OF NEW TARGET

HEATHER CHARLES/TRIBUNE FILE

RESIDENTS

Growing pains

The Loop has seen a residential growth spurt during the past decade, but it's still not as hot to young renters as neighborhoods such as Lincoln Park, Lakeview, Bucktown and Wicker Park, according to realtors.

More than 29,000 people lived in the Loop in 2010, the Tribune reported in February, citing the most recent Census data. That's a 79 percent increase since 2000.

Student effect

Since 2000, dorms have been built for students of the School of the Art Institute, DePaul University, Roosevelt University and Columbia College Chicago. There are 65,500 students who attend classes in the Loop or South Loop, according to the Chicago Loop Alliance.

What about costs?

Rents in the Loop can start at $1,100 for a studio, $1,600 for a one-bedroom and $1,900 for a two-bedroom, according to Apartment People, an apartment rental service. The alliance's Loop Economic Study & Impact Report, released in February, notes the Loop now is home to more than 8,000 new condos or luxury apartments. The median home price in 2010 for existing condos sold was $395,000, a smidge higher than Lincoln Park.

CRIME

Catch-22

Whatever its nature, downtown crime often snags the headlines.

The police report

So far this year, no homicides have been counted in the Loop; one homicide was reported last year, according to RedEye's homicide tracker. In an apparent murder-suicide, a man reportedly shot his estranged girlfriend at the Old Navy store on State Street last year.

A total of four homicides were reported in the community area from 2005 through 2009, according to police data. The most reported crime in the Loop is theft, according to police department annual reports.

Crime blotter

Other high-profile incidents include a hit-and-run crash that injured two pedestrians in February at State and Monroe streets and a stabbing in 2010 that wounded three teens just as the Taste of Chicago closed.

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An artist's rendition of the proposed exhibit for the space shuttle

Shuttle's next mission: Chicago?

By Leonor Vivanco
REDEYE

Chicago soon will find out whether the stars are aligned for the Adler Planetarium.

The site is one of 21 institutions that could house one of three soon-to-be retired NASA space shuttles. The space administration is expected to announce the future home of three shuttles Tuesday, the 30th anniversary of the first space shuttle flight.

The three shuttles are Endeavour, Atlantis and Discovery. The latter is expected to go to the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C.

If NASA picks Adler to display a shuttle, the equipment would be housed in a yet-to-be-built temperature- and humidity-controlled glass pavilion along the lakefront. It would cost an estimated $28 million to prepare the shuttle for public display and transport it to Chicago.

Though NASA didn't reveal which organizations submitted proposals for the shuttles, the planetarium likes its odds against the dozen or so museums that are known to have an interest in the orbiters, said Adler president Paul H. Knappenberger Jr., citing media reports.

"As we look at those and compare a Chicago site, we feel we've got a really good shot at getting one," he said.

In the request for proposals, NASA indicated its interest in a location that would provide access to the greatest number of people, he said. Knappenberger points to the city's population size—the third largest in the country—and its millions of annual visitors as strong points.

"We have a lot of good experience in interpreting space exploration both for the public and for schools, and we feel that's a strong point in our favor. We would use the shuttle as a way of getting school kids interested in math, science, technology and engineering," Knappenberger said.

"To have something like that, a national treasure such as that in Chicago would be a great inspiration to school kids."

Urine trouble: Brewmaster apologizes for bar incident

Chicago Tribune

It wasn't celebrating the $38 million acquisition of his family's brewery by Anheuser-Busch—it was just a birthday party. But it ended with a bartender saying that Goose Island brewmaster Greg Hall urinated into two beer glasses while standing at the bar and Hall saying he "[screwed] up big time."

The incident Friday at Wicker Park's Bangers & Lace, which Hall blamed Monday on overconsumption, has generated apologies from Hall and lingering hard feelings from the bartender who said he had to clean up the urine left behind.

Greg Hall has increasingly been a public face since the company his father, John Hall, started 23 years ago was bought out by Anheuser-Busch, the brewing giant responsible for Budweiser.

In a phone conversation Monday afternoon, Hall said, "I did what I did and I take responsibility for it."

Daley named China program co-chair

Outgoing Mayor Daley took time out of his farewell tour of the city's 50 wards Monday to highlight the relationships he established on his recent trip to China. The State Department has appointed him co-chair of a federal program that aims to send more students to China.

Wal-Mart closes on lot

Wal-Mart has closed on the sale of a piece of land on the South Side where it plans to build a long-anticipated 155,000-square-foot supercenter. The world's largest retailer reportedly paid about $10 million for the 13.5-acre parcel at 83rd Street and South Holland Road.

Rose dishes an assist to Obama

Bulls star Derrick Rose will attend one of President Obama's three fund-raising events in Chicago on Thursday, a Democratic official said Monday. The fundraising blitz in Chicago will jointly support the Democratic National Committee and the Obama campaign.

Falling glass in Loop

Officials on Monday were investigating why a windowpane fell from a federally owned high-rise in the Loop. The six-story building at State Street and Jackson Boulevard is owned by the General Services Administration.

"It's reckless when the weather gets warm. It's how people react to one day of warm weather. To come out and shoot. It's ridiculous."

—Washington Park resident Dolores King, whose niece, 13, and nephew, 10, were wounded Sunday. They were among the victims in a spate of shootings on the South Side that left one person dead and seven others wounded, including a 15-year-old boy.

TRIBUNE

Wisconsin slammed by up to 7 tornadoes

MILWAUKEE A powerful storm system that moved through the nation's midsection over the weekend caused what may be a record-breaking seven tornadoes in Wisconsin, officials said Monday.

"It's one of the most significant tornado outbreaks in April," said Rich Mamrosh, meteorologist for the National Weather Service. He said if confirmed, the number of Sunday night storms may have broken a record for a single day in April in the state. The previous record was six.

A tornado in Merrill in the north-central portion of the state caused widespread damage to homes and businesses, said Capt. Scott Krause of the Merrill Fire Department. Three people were taken to area hospitals.

Storms caused damage in other portions of the Midwest and South over the weekend.

Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad declared a state of emergency after a storm Saturday destroyed more than half the town of Mapleton but left no one seriously injured among its 1,200 residents, according to local law enforcement.

TORNADO WATCH

The peak U.S. tornado season lasts from March until early July, the period when warm, humid air often has to thrust upward against cool, dry air.

Heads up

Chinese military honor guards have their uniforms inspected Monday in Beijing before a visit by Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff. The Brazilian leader will meet Chinese President Hu Jintao and participate in a BRICS summit to discuss the economies of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

GETTY IMAGES

Big win for Zuckerberg

Time for a sequel to "The Social Network"? Mark Zuckerberg won a legal battle Monday against former Harvard classmates who accuse him of stealing their idea for Facebook. Cameron and Tyler Winklevoss must accept a cash and stock settlement with Facebook that had been valued at $65 million, a U.S. appeals court ruled.

Toddler gets served ... booze

A 15-month-old was hospitalized Friday with a 0.10 blood alcohol content after a behind-the-bar mix-up at an Applebee's restaurant in Madison Heights, Mich., left the toddler sipping alcohol instead of apple juice. The boy's mother said the child is doing OK but they are taking him to see a doctor because he's "not eating like he used to."

Fire at Japan nuclear plant

Engineers were fighting a fire at Japan's crippled nuclear plant Tuesday as another major aftershock rocked eastern Japan, swaying buildings in central Tokyo and closing Narita airport runways. Japanese authorities "provisionally" declared the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear accident a level 7 event, putting the crisis on par with the 1986 Chernobyl disaster.

The life and times of Steve Jobs

Apple CEO Steve Jobs will allow best-selling author Walter Isaacson, who chronicled the lives of Albert Einstein and Benjamin Franklin, to publish his biography next year. The Silicon Valley icon, who has battled a rare form of pancreatic cancer and undertook a liver transplant in 2009, granted exclusive interviews over the course of three years.

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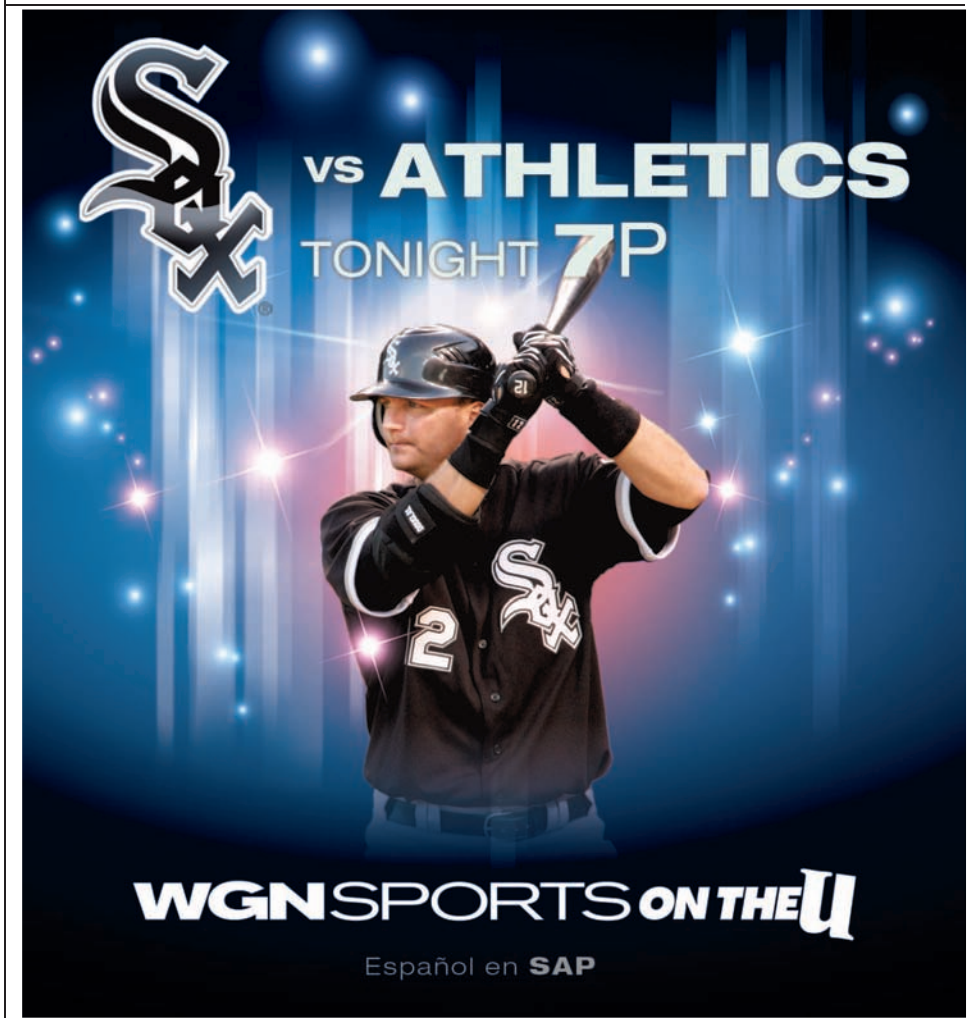

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Have we met?

Hawks bring back familiar faces, storylines from 2010—with a twist

If you're one of those fans who pays little attention to regular-season hockey, tuning in to the Blackhawks' playoff opener Wednesday night might cause you to do a double—or triple—take.

Sure, many of the players who won the Stanley Cup last year are back and many of those playoff stories are returning, but there are quite a few new wrinkles as well.

Here's what's the same and different about the Blackhawks of 2010 versus the Blackhawks of 2011. REDEYE

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BLACKHAWKS GET 2 BACK

Some call him "the Rat." He prefers "Greyhound." But the Blackhawks would prefer to apply one sobriquet to Dave Bolland above all: Available.

And the hard-nosed center (above) may be just that for the first-round playoff series against the Canucks. He traveled to Vancouver and is expected to play after sitting out more than a month with a concussion. Same goes for winger Troy Brouwer, out since last week with a shoulder injury.

"We're optimistic they'll be playing in the series," Hawks coach Joel Quenneville said Monday. TRIBUNE

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2010: The Blackhawks entered the playoffs as one of the favorites to win the Cup. And they did (above).
2011: The Blackhawks enter the playoffs as the underdog, having squeaked in on the last day of the season.

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2010: Playoff beard-challenged Patrick Kane (above) sported a mullet.
2011: Playoff beard-challenged Patrick Kane sports a mullet.

2010: Dustin Byfuglien, Kris Versteeg and Andrew Ladd, among others, played key roles in team's success.
2011: Bryan Bickell, Viktor Stalberg, Michael Frolik, among others, play key roles in team's success.

2010: Hawks began the playoffs with one of their everyday players—Brian Campbell—injured, but he eventually appeared.
2011: Hawks begin the playoffs with two of their everyday players—Dave Bolland and Troy Brouwer—injured, but they are expected to appear.

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2010: Rookie Antti Niemi was the goalie.
2011: Rookie Corey Crawford (above) is the goalie.

2010: The Hawks played "Mario Kart" while on the road.
2011: Captain Jonathan Toews says the team plans to play "Mario Kart" while on the road.

2010: Kane led the Blackhawks in points with 88—30 goals and 58 assists—in the regular season.
2011: Toews leads the Blackhawks in points with 76—32 goals and 44 assists—in the regular season.

Vancouver far from ready

Alex Quigley
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It's fair to say that an hour-by-hour graph of Blackhawks fans' morale Sunday matched up well with a graph of Rory McIlroy's odds of winning the Masters.

Most fans were probably already thinking about the 2010-11 season in the past tense. What would be the one lost standings point to blame for missing the playoffs? The B.S. spin-o-rama shootout goal against Tampa Bay on March 9? That terrible 4-3 shootout loss vs. Dallas on Feb. 9 after going up 3-0 in the first period? Or losing to the league-worst Oilers twice in 10 days at home early in the season?

Turns out, it didn't matter.

The Wild went wild, and Dallas finished with 95 points. Our Hawks got 97, earning the final spot in the West and the opportunity to eliminate the Canucks for the third postseason in a row, just as I predicted in this very column seven weeks ago.

Get ready for another "told ya so" column in three weeks: Blackhawks in six, clinching on home ice April 24 in front of 22,092 screaming fans and one tear-streaked French-Canadian goalie.

Vancouver won the Presidents' Trophy playing in a division in which they were the only playoff team. They fattened up on extra games with lowly Colorado and Edmonton, going an insane 18-4-2 in the division. And they've been coasting along since clinching the No. 1 seed; they haven't played a meaningful hockey game in a couple of weeks.

Meanwhile, the Hawks have been in playoff mode for weeks. (Remember how intense Sunday's game felt? That's because it was the first time the Hawks were in an elimination game since the 2009 conference finals.)

It's got Game 1 letdown written all over it for the Canucks. Add in a healthy Dave Bolland to rattle the Sedin brothers and the Hawks stars' familiarity with Rogers Arena from last year's Olympics, and home-ice-advantage is gone with a quickness.

And once the doubt starts to creep in for Vancouver, that familiar losing feeling takes hold—and the tears of Luongo will lubricate the Hawks' path to the second round.

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1 The Blackhawks and Vancouver meet so often in the playoffs ...	... Patrick Sharp has his own cheering section made up of Vancouver's female fans.	... their fans think our city is called Quenneville.	... I can tell the Sedin twins' dejected handshakes apart.	... that now, even Luongo gets chills when Jim Cornelison sings.	... Patrick Kane has memorized the numbers of all the local limo services.
2 Last year it was a limo. Where will the Blackhawks party in Vancouver this year?	According to the Evite I received, Roxy nightclub. See ya there.	The Hawks can't possibly get in as much troub—whoa, was that an explosion?	Same place they do every year. On the ice after the series.	In the back of the room, where no one will notice they snuck in.	On a puddle of Roberto Luongo's tears.
3 What do you remember about the years the Bulls were winning 13 games or so?	Laughing a lot.	You mean the Stink Floyd anthology?	Hoobastank.	"Well, at least they've got a stable future with Elton Brand and Ron Artest ..."	Finding it extremely easy to update the wins in my computations: they hardly ever changed.
4 What do the White Sox and Cubs think about the Hawks' and Bulls' playoffs?	They both wonder if any of them can play closer after the postseason.	The Sox think, "Maybe us too." The Cubs think the lockout applies to the playoffs.	It must be nice to play in a league where pretty much all the teams make the playoffs.	Any excuse to grow a beard.	HAHAHAHAHA, the White Sox and Cubs don't think. AHAHAHAHA!
5 What is Charl Schwartzel doing right now?	Watching a clock tick down from 15:00.	Invading Poland?	Gherls.	Wondering if fellow South African Charlize Theron thinks green jackets are sexy.	Depositing a lot of money in his bank account.

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Thibodeau
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Thibs drills Bulls

Coach won't let team slump into playoffs

NEW YORK After practice concluded Monday at Madison Square Garden, coach Tom Thibodeau stayed after to drill Joakim Noah on post moves.

"We have to get him going because we know what's coming," Thibodeau said. "He was lively. And when Jo is practicing well, he's playing well."

Thibodeau routinely drilled Noah last summer, and Noah is hoping a repeat performance—and a trip to the building he attended as a Knicks fan growing up—can snap him out of his slump.

"I know I need extra work right now," Noah said. "Thibs makes sure I do what I need to do. I just have to do better. I have to be more aggressive going to the board. I'm just trying to get my rhythm back and working as hard as I can."

Thibodeau's overtime work with Noah came a day after he drilled Derrick Rose during Sunday's game in Orlando. He wasn't happy Rose didn't get back on Jameer Nelson's half-court heave that swished through before the halftime buzzer.

"There was a much bigger point than just that play," Thibodeau said. "It was the looseness with which we were playing. Either you're moving in the direction of winning or you're moving in the direction of losing. We had a lot of up and down in that game. I want to eliminate that."

Several times, Rose has said he enjoys Thibodeau's intensity and that Thibodeau knows he can yell at Rose because Rose, who is equally intense, can take it.

"You say scream. I say coach," Thibodeau said. "When your best players are coachable, it makes your team coachable."

PATTING FORMAN'S BACK

On Sunday, Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said John Paxson and Gar Forman should be executives of the year over the Heat's Pat Riley. On Monday, Paxson offered his take to the Tribune. "I truly appreciate what Stan said," he said. "But the right thing for other general managers to do if they choose to vote for the leadership of the Bulls' organization is to put Gar's name there."

SPORTS BRIEFS

» UConn guard Kemba Walker will hold a news conference Tuesday to announce his decision to forgo a final season of eligibility and enter the NBA draft, a source told the Hartford Courant.

» The Sky selected point guard Courtney Vandersloot from Gonzaga in the first round of Monday's WNBA draft. She is the only player in Division I history to score more than 2,000 points and hand out 2,000 assists.

» Cubs 5, Houston 4 » Oakland 2, White Sox 1

» Sox first baseman Paul Konerko named American League co-player of the week.

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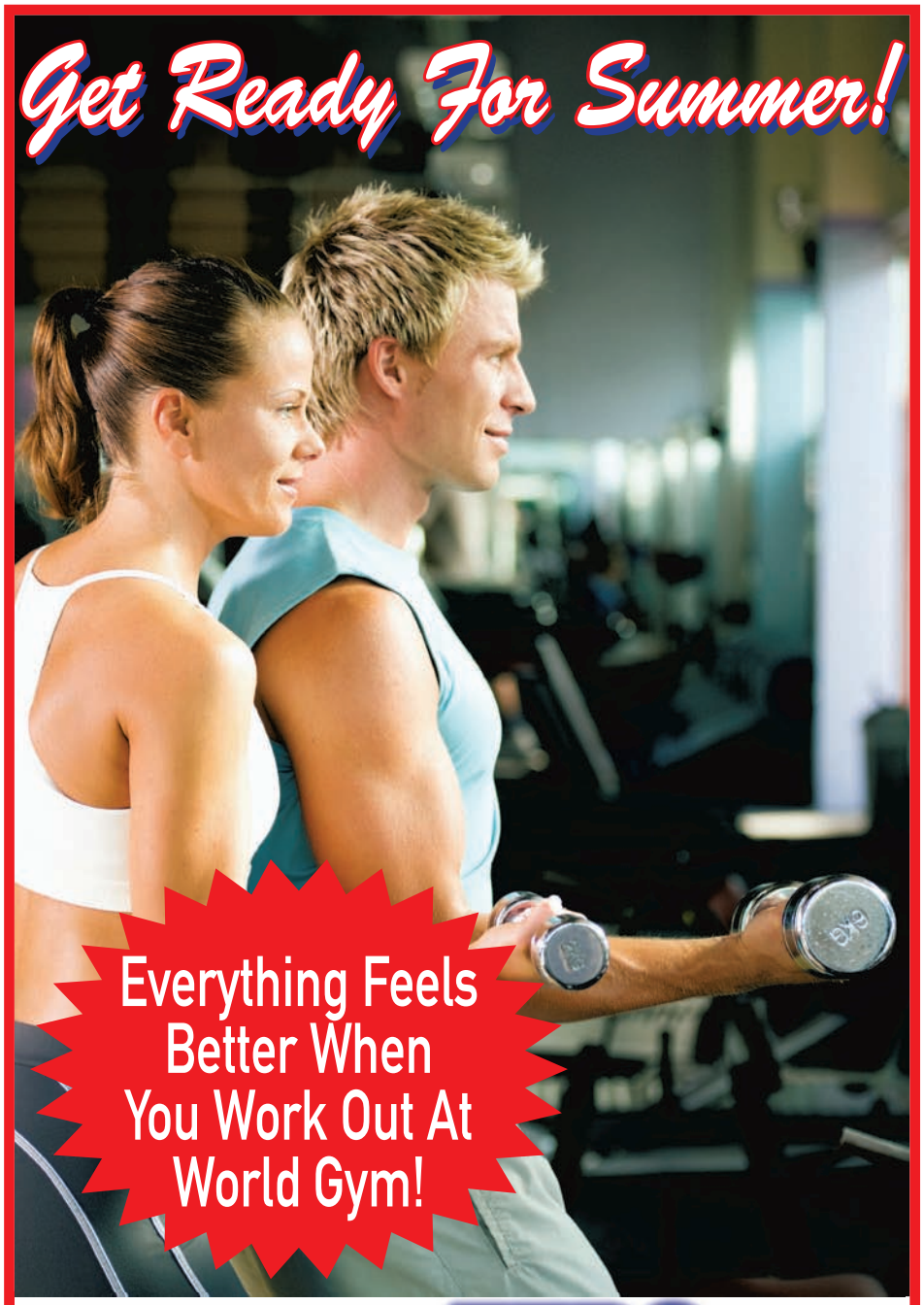

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GRAB YOUR UMBRELLA AND GO

Dreary April is no match for these awesome activities

By Samantha Nelson

A long, brutal winter has given way to a somewhat wet and dreary first month of spring. Don't let the downpours keep you cooped up: Get out of the house for these activities—just right for a rainy day. Remember, the more fun you have in April, the sooner you'll turn the calendar page to May.

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WEATHER DENIAL

Skip the April showers in favor of May flowers (a month early) at the free **Spring Flower Show** at Garfield Park Conservatory (300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100) through May 8. The annual show features an endless selection of brightly colored blooms that change throughout the season. If you're in the mood for more of a tropical retreat, visit Jellies at **Shedd Aquarium** (1200 S. Lake Shore Drive, 312-939-2438). The temporary exhibit (Friday-May 28) showcases the beauty and strangeness of the boneless and bloodless ocean animals. Tickets to the exhibit are $34.95, including general admission.

GAME NIGHT

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STORM SPOTTING

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'Wasting Light'
Foo Fighters (Roswell/RCA)

I've been known to identify Foo Fighters as the best band I never listen to. It's a partially inaccurate way of suggesting that, other than "The Colour and the Shape," none of Dave Grohl's band's albums has really held me, regardless of how much I may appreciate or passively like some or many of the songs on the record.

Well, I take it back. "Wasting Light," the band's seventh record, is unquestionably the ex-Nirvana drummer's best crop of songs in years. The album kicks off thunderously with "Bridge Burning," which showcases the full effect of Grohl's scream/croon and drummer Taylor Hawkins' muscular attack. "Miss the Misery" nearly reaches Bon Jovi levels of anthemic stadium-owning, while the aggressive "White Limo" suggests Grohl's time with Queens of the Stone Age's Josh Homme (and, cough, Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones) in Them Crooked Vultures may have rubbed off on him.

Grohl's never been a brilliant lyricist, but "Wasting Light" blisters its way into your head anyway, as Grohl delivers a final kiss off in the shimmying "Dear Rosemary," confessing "Once upon a time I was somebody else" in the propulsive "Back & Forth" and briefly taking a breather in the stirring ballad "I Should Have Known." Can't wait to see them live. **—MATT PAIS**

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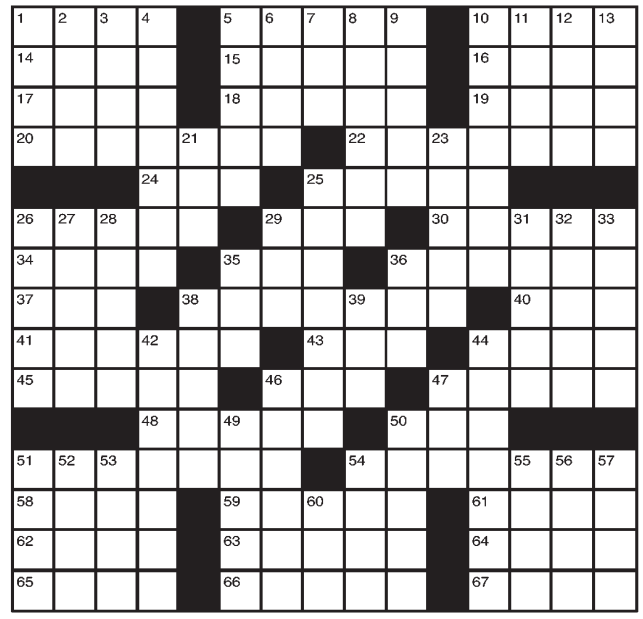

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5 Long hard look
10 Wimp
14 Golf tournament
15 Worn out
16 Perched upon
17 Wild hog
18 Mr. Philbin
19 Tibetan monk
20 Intertwined
22 Not one & not the other
24 Republican Party
25 __ of the ball; pretty woman
26 Nerd
29 Tiny amount
30 Actor Jeremy
34 Major conflicts
35 Hole-making tool
36 The Padres' "San Diego Chicken," e.g.
37 Tumult
38 Remained on the surface of the water
40 Pigeon's sound
41 Baggage porter
43 Present time
44 Elephant tooth
45 Weirdo
46 Highest card
47 __-ring circus; state of chaos
48 Josh with
50 Hurry
51 Worst rival
54 Found
58 Reason to bathe
59 Cavalry sword
61 __ off; left suddenly
62 Make eyes at
63 Detroit team
64 Collection from a henhouse
65 Requirement
66 Gladden
67 Chess piece

DOWN
1 Caftan, for one
2 Put-__; taken advantage of
3 Good buy
4 Makes furious
5 __ throat; inflammatory ailment
6 Connected
7 Buenos Aires' nation: abbr.
8 Controlled a horse
9 Ford failure
10 Barbara of TV
11 Provo's state
12 Partial amount
13 Shadowbox
21 Ear of corn
23 Epic by Homer
25 Equilibrium
26 Sneezy or Doc
27 Ibis or heron
28 Wear away
29 Pair
31 Take place
32 Part of a lasso
33 Feed a fire
35 Mont Blanc or the Matterhorn
36 Kitten's cry
38 Phonies
39 Foot digit
42 Provided food for a wedding
44 Cinema
46 Attack violently
47 Facial twitch
49 Passageway
50 Steed
51 Midday
52 Margin
53 Beauty spot
54 Pre-Easter time
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56 Therefore
57 Office table
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team playa

Why is Rihanna a superstar? She's not afraid to share the mic

By Dana Moran
REDEYE

Britney Spears has got the fever, and the only prescription is more Rihanna. The songstresses teamed up Monday on a remix of RiRi's song "S&M." The original version of the track is riding a Billboard chart high as the No. 1 pop song (Rihanna's record eighth), but we're not sure we believe Brit's newfound predilection for whips and chains. Fortunately, Rihanna's got a long history of awesome collaborations. Here are five pairings we're still listening to, and what made the collaborations work.

'LOVE THE WAY YOU LIE'

With Eminem

Why it works: This song's popularity is almost surprising given its subject matter and Rihanna's domestic violence incident with Chris Brown, but the rapper and the pop princess create a magnetic blend of hard anger and soft sweetness. It helps that the steamy video features Megan Fox and Dominic Monaghan as the couple in question instead of the singers.

'UMBRELLA'

With Jay-Z

Why it works: How many songs lend themselves as perfectly to a video as "Umbrella"? This being Rihanna, however, it's raining glitter—along with burlesque-esque dancing and the singer soaked in silver paint. Hova steps into the background and lets the rising star do her thing while providing perfect support.

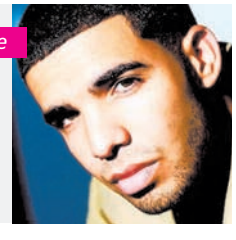
'HATE THAT I LOVE YOU'

With Ne-Yo

Why it works: Frustration is the name of the game in this back-and-forth tune between two teasing ex-lovers, and the silky smooth Ne-Yo is Rihanna's perfect counterpart. While she rolls around on a bed in her underthings, he grins sexily in his signature fedora. Call it trouble that sizzles.

'WHAT'S MY NAME?'

With Drake

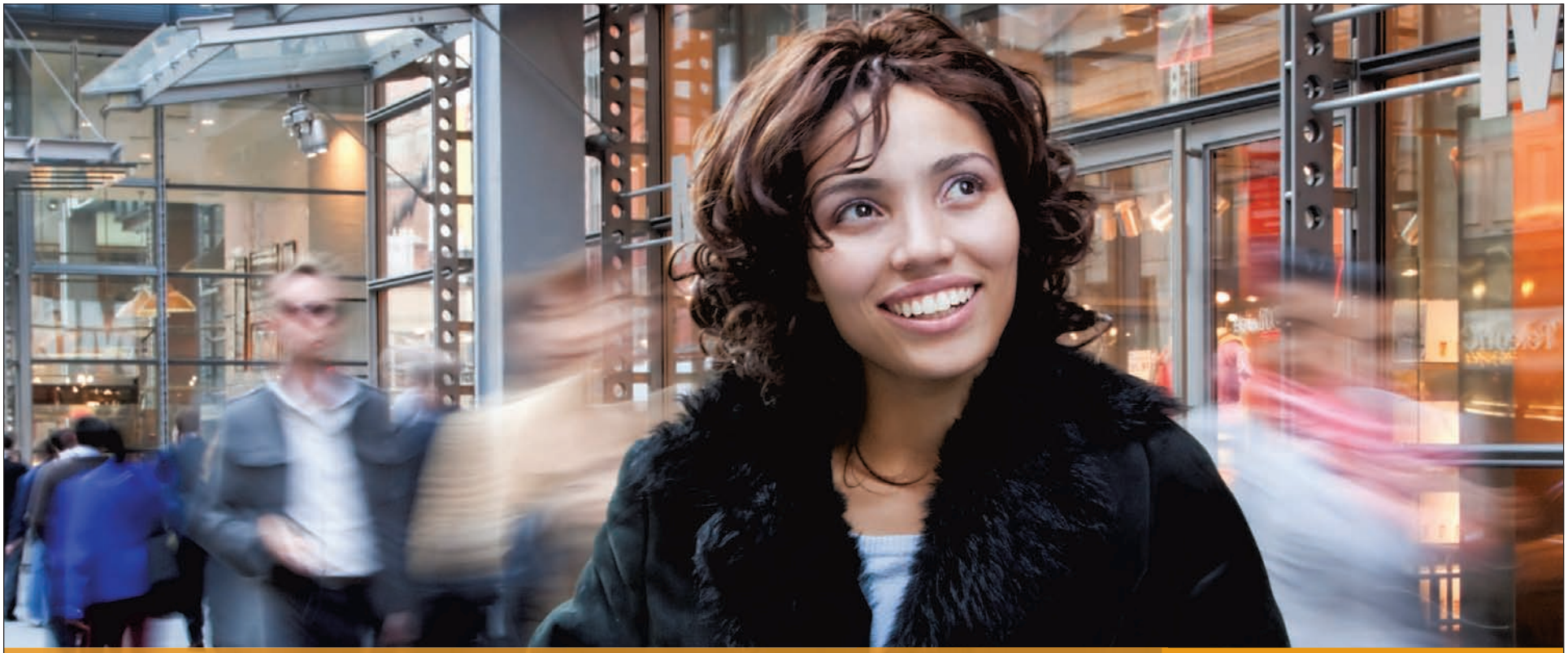


Why it works: The singers have a naturally sweet chemistry as they flirt their way through the song—especially in live performances. The video mostly features a love-giddy Rihanna prancing around the streets of New York, intertwined with cutesy couple shots.

'LIVE YOUR LIFE'

With T.I.

Why it works: Rihanna's great Barbadian sound sweetens a bloody, dangerous song. The video's a rags-to-riches tale showing the singers chasing their dreams—RiRi on stage and T.I.'s attempted escape from a gang into the world of rap.



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What you want, Natalie? To drink and eat (dairy products). That's right, pregnant Oscar winner Natalie Portman has fallen off the vegan wagon into plain old vegetarianism, **usmagazine.com** reports. "If you're not eating eggs, then you can't have cookies or cake from regular bakeries, which can become a problem when that's all you want to eat," Portman told an Atlanta radio station, according to the site.

COOKIE MAMA

Not so 'Idol'

The "American Idol" outrage over Pia Toscano's (right) departure will never die. Toscano never was actually a front-runner, if you looked at overall voting patterns, "Idol" executive producer Nigel Lythgoe told Yahoo! Music, according to **ew.com**. He even mentioned a possible format change next season in which viewers would vote for the bottom three and the judges would decide who goes home. Interesting.

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Baby bombshell

Well, here's a preggers announcement we didn't see coming. Benicio del Toro and Kimberly Stewart, the daughter of Rod Stewart, are expecting a baby, a rep for del Toro confirmed to Life & Style on Monday. No word on where Stewart and del Toro met, but the rep made it clear that no wedding bells are in their future.

Just say snow

Dennis Quaid's (left) favorite mistake isn't starring in this month's movie, "Soul Surfer." It was doing cocaine decades ago. "Cocaine was even in the budgets of movies, thinly disguised. It was petty cash, you know?" Quaid wrote this week in Newsweek. "It was supplied, basically, on movie sets because everyone was doing it. People would make deals. Instead of having a cocktail, you'd have a line."

Doubly GLAAD

What a great problem for GLAAD. The gay and lesbian group honored both "Modern Family" and "Glee" with its outstanding comedy award at Sunday's ceremony rather than picking just one show, **thr.com** reports. Both shows picked up prizes for their actors as well. "I Love You Phillip Morris" and "Project Runway" also won awards.

THE DIGIT

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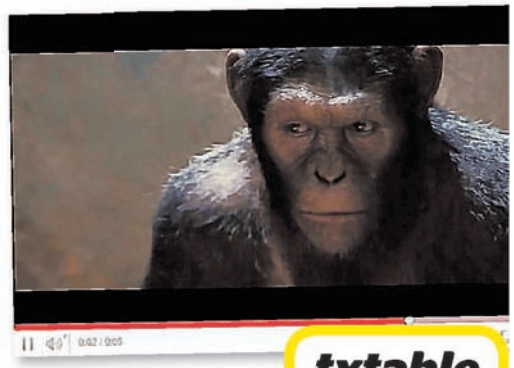
That's the length of a sneak peek at the apes from "Rise of the Planet of the Apes" on YouTube (below). The clip can be found at **bit.ly/gQzOf7**.



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Ape history

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